1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
26.	A & N Islands	0	0	29	0	0	0	29
27.	D & N. Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Delhi	0	0	*0*	0	0	0	0
30.	Lakshadweep	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
31.	Pondicherry	14	5	17	1	3	0	40
32.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL*	36988	32597	138670	3136	4003	1400	216794

Total habitations exclude 417 arsenic affected habitations in Karnataka which were reproted inadvertenty by State Government and included in earlier statement. Note: 1. In Karnataka fresh survey is under progress.

2. In Mizoram habitations are affected by excess iron but their number is not given in the report.
3. In Nagaland survey is in progress in case of Fluoride, Arsenic and Salinity affected habitations.
4. In Orissa the quality affected habitations are estimated.
5. As intimated by UP State Govt, the figure 4406 is based on the water sample tested as yet. However, testing of water sample is in progress and so the figure is liable to increase.
6. In West Bengal 221 and 59 blocks are affected with excess iron and salinity. The habitations are yet to identified. In case of fluoride and arsenic the habitations are identified and compiled upto 31-12-98.

Action plan by FICCI for creation of employment opportunities

1570. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FICCI had submitted an action taken plan to rejuvenate the economy and to create employment opportunities in rural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL

DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA) (a) No, Sir. FICCI has not submitted any action taken plan to rejuvenate the economy and to create employment opportunities in rural sector to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Steps to manage funds for rural development

1571. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank, in its report, has pointed out that Panchayats should adopt hire and fire policy to enable local administration to deal with resource crunch so as to control their budget better and give more powers to gram panchayat;

(b) whether this question was discussed recently during the meeting of the Chief Ministers of States in Delhi on 30.6.2004;

(c) if so, whether this is centralizing spending by transfer of funds to district and local government on proposed China like rural biz hubs; and

(d) if so, what was the outcome of talks and whether States have urged more funds for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA) (a) and (b) A conference of Chief Ministers and Ministers in charge of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj on Poverty Alleviation and Rural Prosperity was organized at New Delhi on 29-30th June, 2004, jointly by the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj to discuss and review all the schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development and implementation of Rural Development Programmes. The States/UTs committed themselves to implementation of the Rural Development Programmes with renewed vigour in co-operation with the Union Government. Issues relating to effective implementation of the various Schemes include devolution of functions, finances, functionaries, planning etc.

(c) and (d) The Conference decided to formulate a draft action plan towards acheiving the objective of strengthening Panchayati Raj Institution